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Dear Colonel Boulé and Mr. Moyle:

I am writing to request that the your offices investigate what effect, if any, the Pompton Lakes Dam flood control gates have had on towns down-river, in light of the widespread flooding caused by this week's Nor'easter.

As you know, the Pompton Lakes Dam is located on the Ramapo River in the Borough of Oakland in Bergen County, and Wayne Township and the Borough of Pompton Lakes in Passaic County. A project to install flood control gates was completed at the Dam in 2007, designed to alleviate flooding in Oakland.

Municipalities in my district have expressed concerns that the flood control gates helped mitigate Oakland's flooding situation, but in the process made the flooding worse in towns downstream like Pompton Lakes and Wayne. Similar concerns were expressed to my office after the most recent serious flooding in 2007, and I thank you for your prompt attention and thorough report on the Dam's effect at that time.

I received word from your office that the Dam operated as designed, however I would request that you prepare a new report addressing the concerns of those downstream and assessing the flood gates' performance during this most recent storm. Residents in towns like Wayne and Pompton Lakes deserve to know about the impact this Dam project has had on their communities in light of this record-setting wet weather.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Bill Pascrell, Jr.  
Member of Congress